<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein and without conceding the correctness of their rejection. Please add new Claims 22 to 25 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 21. (Cancelled).

22. (New) A peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus comprising:

a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus; and

a power control unit which supplies power from a power source to the control unit,

wherein the control unit checks whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer after the computer causes the power control unit to supply power from the power source to the control unit, and

wherein the power control unit continues to supply power from the power source to the control unit if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer.

23. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the power control unit avoids supplying power from the power source to the control unit if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.

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24. (New) A method for controlling a peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus including a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus and a power control unit which supplies power from a power source to the control unit, the method comprising the steps of:

checking whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer after the computer causes the power control unit to supply power from the power source to the control unit; and

continuing to supply power from the power source to the control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer.

25. (New) A method according to Claim 24, further comprising the step of avoiding supplying power from the power source to the control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.